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To: Members of the staff

From: The Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management

Subject: UNITED NATIONS STAFF RELIEF COMMITTEE FOR REFUGEES FROM RWANDA

1. The fighting in Rwanda has resulted in what has been described as one of the worst humanitarian disasters of the century. More than 250,000 people have been displaced and thousands have already died. According to initial estimates, the cost of immediate relief will run into hundreds of millions of dollars.

2. With the approval of the Secretary-General, and the full support of the Staff Council, the United Nations staff at Headquarters have formed the United Nations Staff Relief Committee for Refugees from Rwanda. The Committee will organize a collection drive to assist those affected. Mr. Peter Hansen (Department of Humanitarian Affairs) is Chairperson of the Committee, with Mr. Benon Sevan (Office of Conference and Support Services) as Vice-Chairperson, Mr. Joseph Verner Reed (Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Public Affairs) as Secretary, Ms. Angela King (Office of Human Resources Management) as Treasurer and Mr. James Ngobi (Department of Political Affairs) and Mr. Mohamed Oummih (Staff Committee) as members.

3. On Tuesday, 16 August 1994, contributions in cash will be collected by authorized staff members on behalf of the Committee. All proceeds will be donated through an appropriate relief agency.

4. Contributions may also be made by cheque payable to the United Nations Staff Relief Committee for Refugees from Rwanda and addressed to the Treasurer, Ms. Angela King, room S-2427A.

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